IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 8:05CR340
Plaintiff,))
vs.)	TENTATIVE FINDINGS
FELIX HERRERA,)	
Defendant.)	

The Court has received the Presentence Investigation Report ("PSR") and the Defendant's objections thereto (Filing No. 65). See Order on Sentencing Schedule, ¶ 6. The Court advises the parties that these Tentative Findings are issued with the understanding that, pursuant to *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), the sentencing guidelines are advisory.

The plea agreement reached pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C) requires a base offense level of 28 based on a drug quantity if at least 200 but less than 350 grams of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine. The PSR sets out a quantity of 1,588.32 kilograms of marijuana, converted, resulting in base offense level 32. The Defendant objects to numerous paragraphs in the PSR relating to drug quantity, requesting that the objections to the PSR be heard and granted, or in the alternative that the Defendant be sentenced within the range contemplated in the plea agreement.

The Court's tentative findings are that, absent unusual circumstances, the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement should be upheld and the base offense level should be calculated as level 28.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Court's tentative findings are that the Defendant's Objections to the

Presentence Investigation Report (Filing No. 65) are granted insofar as the Court intends

to honor the Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreement;

2. Otherwise the Court's tentative findings are that the Presentence

Investigation Report is correct in all respects;

3. If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, the party shall

immediately file in the court file and serve upon opposing counsel and the Court a motion

challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are

required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting the

submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law, and (c) if an evidentiary

hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing is necessary and

an estimated length of time for the hearing;

4. Absent submission of the information required by paragraph 3 of this Order,

my tentative findings may become final; and

5. Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative findings

shall be resolved at sentencing.

DATED this 9th day of May, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp

United States District Judge

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